

FACT SHEET



E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company
Ft. Madison, Iowa

April 2000

Introduction

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 has prepared this fact sheet to provide information to the Ft. Madison community about ongoing activities at the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company facility (du Pont) at 801 35 Street in Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Public Availability Session and Public Comment Period Approaching Soon!

EPA will hold a public availability session from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2000, at Ft. Madison City Hall in the City Council Chambers, 811 Avenue E, Ft. Madison, Iowa. The public is invited to attend this session at its convenience. Representatives from EPA and du Pont will be available to answer questions one-on-one about the interim measures work plan.

Also, citizens are encouraged to comment on this work plan during the public comment period from April 17 through May 16, 2000. The work plan will be available at the Rashid Memorial Library, 3421 Avenue L, Ft. Madison, Iowa, and at EPA Region 7 Information Resource Center, 901 N. Fifth Street,

Background

EPA issued a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit which allowed du Pont, a paint manufacturing facility, to store hazardous wastes in tanks and containers at the facility in 1992. Also, EPA included conditions in the permit for du Pont to determine if any releases of hazardous wastes or constituents into the environment had occurred as a result of facility operations. One of RCRA's goals is to reduce or eliminate the amount of waste generated, including hazardous waste.

Update

du Pont conducted an investigation in 1999 of its Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) at the facility to determine the extent of any releases. As a result of the investigation, du Pont will perform a removal action at the SWMU Number 1. EPA requested du Pont to submit an interim measures work plan for the removal action. Interim measures are activities used to control or reduce ongoing risks to human

health and the environment in advance of final cleanup remedy. The work plan describes the approach for removing and disposing the waste from SWMU Number 1 and outlines the procedure for sampling waste, soil, and liquid and waste disposal. The goal is to limit possible exposure associated with SWMU Number 1.

Upcoming Decision

EPA plans to approve, with modifications, the interim measures work plan, which is officially known as the Drum/Container and Soil Removal Plan at SWMU-1 Landfill Burning Ground March 30, 2000.

Where to Send Comments?

All written comments and questions concerning the work plan, copies of the work plan, and requests for a public hearing should be directed to:

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901 N. 5th Street
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A public hearing may be scheduled if sufficient interest is shown.

After consideration of comments, EPA will make a final decision. If the decision is to approve the interim measures work plan, EPA will notify all persons who have submitted comments or requested a notice of final decision. If the final version of the work plan is substantially changed, EPA will issue a public notice indicating the revisions.

For more information

If you have questions about this fact sheet or need additional information about this facility, please contact:

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